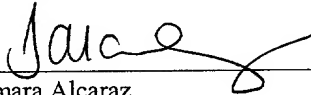


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following for the paragraph starting on page 1, line 5

This application claims priority to PCT/SG00/00130, filed September 1, 2000, which claims priority to Australian provisional application no. PQ2593/99, filed September 1, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated herein in their entirety.

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification has been made to make of record any cross reference. Accordingly, Applicants submit no new matter by these amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

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